

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 8, line 23 of the present Specification.

In an aspect of the present invention, the first binder resin has an acid value of from 1 to 30 mg KOH/g.

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 3-19, with the following amended paragraph.

It is essential that the particulate resin material for use in the present invention, which is omnipresent on a surface of the toner, has a glass transition temperature (Tg) of from 50 to 90 °C and a coverage over a toner particle of from 50 to 100 %. When the coverage is less than 50 %, the first binder resin has a low Tg and thermostable preservability of the resultant toner tends to deteriorate. When the glass transition temperature (Tg) is less than 50 °C, preservability of the resultant toner deteriorates and blocking thereof occurs when stored and in an image developer. When the glass transition temperature (Tg) is greater than 90 °C, the particulate resin material prevents the resultant toner from adhering to a transfer sheet and the minimum fixable temperature increases. Therefore, as the toner does not have a sufficient fixable temperature width, it cannot be used in a copier having a low-temperature fixing system and a fixed image thereby peels off. The glass transition temperature (Tg) is more preferably from 50 to 70 °C.

Please insert the following paragraph on page 16 after the paragraph ending at line 26 and before the paragraph beginning at line 27.

The particulate resin material preferably has a volume-average molecular weight of from 1,000 to 100,000.

Please replace the paragraph on page 64, lines 8-10 with the following amended paragraph.

0.7 parts of hydrophobic silica and 0.3 parts of hydrophobic titanium oxide were mixed with 100 parts of the respective toners 1 to 11 by a HENSCHEL MIXER. Henschel mixer.

Please insert the following Abstract on a new page 75. A clean copy of the Abstract is attached at the end of this paper.

A toner comprising toner particles comprising a first binder resin; a second binder resin different from said first binder resin and having a glass transition temperature of from 40 to 55 °C; a colorant; and a release agent, and a particulate resin material which is located on surface of the toner particles with a coverage of from 50 to 100 %, and which has a glass transition temperature of from 50 to 90 °C, wherein a weight ratio (W2/W1) between the second binder resin (W2) and the first binder resin (W1) is from 5/95 to 40/60, and wherein a ratio (G'80/G'180) between a storage modulus of the toner at 80 °C (G'80) and a storage modulus at 180 °C (G'180) is from 100 to 1,000.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

The Specification is amended to provide an Abstract, in which a clean copy is attached at the end of this paper. Support for the amendment is found in original Claim 1. Moreover, the Specification is amended to correct a typographical error on page 16, lines 5-6. Support for this amendment is found on page 13, lines 14-15. The Specification is also amended on page 64, line 10 so that the term "Henschel mixer" is replaced with "HENSCHEL MIXER."

The Specification is amended at page 8, line 23 and page 16, between lines 26-27, in order to provide adequate antecedent basis for original Claims 8 and 11. Support for the amendments is found in original Claims 8 and 11.

No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.